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- obtaining description data in which a description content presented to one concerned party is built or description specifying data for specifying said description content from the other concerned party of said contract before making said contract;

prompting both or either of said concerned parties to write an electronic signature on said contract data.

- receiving a question or a request for said commodity or service from a covenantee who intends to conclude said contract through a network;

adding to a response to said question or request a covenanter's proof that said covenanter created said response;

          sending said response with said covenantor's  
proof added thereto to said covenantee through the  
network;

storing said response with said covenantor's  
proof added thereto in at least one of storage units of

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storing said electronic contract document in at least one of storage units of said covenantor and said covenantee or providing said covenantee with said electronic contract document recorded on a recording medium.

5. A contracting method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising the step of:

adding an electronic signature of said covenantor to the response to be outputted to the output unit of said covenantee.

6. A method for providing a person who accepts a commodity or service with the commodity or service, comprising the steps of:

sending a question or request for provision of said commodity or service to a provider for said commodity or service through a network;

receiving a response to said question or request from said provider through the network;

adding an electronic signature of said person who accepts said commodity or service to said response and then sending said response to said provider through the network;

storing said response with the electronic signature of said person who accepts said commodity or service added thereto in at least one of storage units of said provider, said person who accepts said commodity or service and a third party; and

if a contract for provision of said commodity

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with said description data by using said inherent data.

9. A system for processing a contract as claimed in claim 8, wherein said inherent data is a hash value of said description data.

10. A system for processing a contract as claimed in claim 8, wherein said inherent data is said description data.

11. A system for processing a contract as claimed in claim 8, wherein said description data contains an electronic signature of at least one of said concerned parties.

12. A system for processing a contract as claimed in claim 8, further another processing unit for corresponding a description processing program for describing said contract content on an electronic contract document about said contract with said contract data.

13. A storage unit to be used by at least one of the concerned parties for making a contract for provision of a commodity or service and a third party being characterized by:

storing description data in which a description content about said commodity or service having been transferred between the concerned parties about said contract is built before concluding said contract; and

storing contract data in which said contract content is built; and

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said description data and contract data being matched to each other by the inherent data in said description data.

14. A program sending device for sending a program for enabling a computer to execute a predetermined process to a network, said predetermined process comprising:

a process or for creating the inherent data in description data in which a description content about a commodity or service having been transferred between the concerned parties about said contract before concluding said contract, and

a process or for matching contract data in which a contract content about provision of said commodity or service is built to said description data by using said inherent data.

15. A recording medium for recording a contract processing program for enabling a contract processing system to execute a contract process for processing a contract for provision of a commodity or service, wherein said contract process comprising:

a process for creating contract data in which said contract content is built;

a process for retrieving description data matched to said contract data from description data in which a description content about said commodity or service having been transferred between the concerned parties about said contract is built before concluding

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a process for adding an electronic signature  
t one of said concerned parties to said  
data in which said inherent data is built.

17. A recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said process for building said inherent data is executed to calculate a hash value of said retrieved description data and to build the hash value of said description data in said contract data as said inherent data.

18. A recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said contracting process includes a process for determining whether or not either of the electronic signatures of said concerned parties added to said description data is correct and a process for adding the electronic signature of the other concerned party to said description data if the electronic signature of one of said concerned parties added to said description data is determined to be correct.

19. A recording medium as claimed in claim 15,  
wherein said contracting process includes a process for

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21. A recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said process for writing a signature on said contract data is executed to write said electronic signature on said contract data if a permission for adding said electronic signature to said contract data is received.

if both or either of the concerned parties who concluded the contract for provision of a commodity or service or a third party presents a given contract content, retrieving a description content about said given contract content from a storage unit for managing description data having the description content about said commodity or service having been transferred between the concerned parties and contract data having said contract content as making said description data



correspond with said contract data, before concluding said contract; and

determining if an electronic signature built in said retrieved description data is correct and verifying that said retrieved description content is presented from one of said concerned parties to the other when the contract between said concerned parties is being transferred.

23. A contract verifying method as claimed in claim 22, wherein a hash value of said description data is compared with a value derived by digitizing said electronic signature, for determining said electronic signature is correct.

24. A method for electronically transferring a contract for provision of a commodity or service, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a describing program for enabling concerned parties with said contract to describe a contract content on an electronic contract document or specifying data for specifying said describing program;

generating contract data containing said describing program or said specifying data; and

writing an electronic signature of both or either of said concerned parties on said contract data.

25. A contract processing system to be used by at least one of concerned parties who make a contract for provision of a commodity or service and a third party, comprising:

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a processing unit for creating inherent data in a describing program for describing a content of said contract on an electronic contract document; and

another processing unit for corresponding contract data obtained by describing said contract content on said electronic contract document with said describing program by using inherent data in said program.

26. A recording medium for recording a contract processing program for allowing a contract process for proceeding a contract for provision of a commodity or service to be executed by a contract processing system, said contract process comprising:

a contract content describing process for describing a content of said contract on an electronic contract document;

a contract data generating process for generating contract data from an electronic contract document in which said contract content is described;

a program inherent data building process for building inherent data in a describing program for executing said contract content describing process; and

a contract data signing process for adding a signature of at least one of concerned parties with said contract to contract data in which said program inherent data is built.

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